

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Twin Falls District
Shoshone Field Office
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**Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format When Using Categorical Exclusions Not
Established by Statute**

NEPA No. DOI-BLM-ID-T030-2015-0018-CX

A. Background

BLM Office: Shoshone Field Office.

Proposed Action Title/Type:

The action is a transfer of a livestock grazing permit from one applicant to another. The permit terms and conditions are remaining the same but there will be a name change on the permit.

Location of Proposed Action: Boise Meridian, Blaine County Idaho; Dry Creek Allotment and Rocky Draw Allotment

Description of Proposed Action: The current permittee, Barton Family Trust, in care of Jim Barton, have applied to transfer all of the AUMs in the Dry Creek Allotment (218 Cattle AUMs) and Rocky Draw Allotment (56 Cattle AUMs) into a different name on the grazing permit – Jim & Susan Barton. This is an administrative procedure only and nothing on the ground will change. The season of use, active preference and type of livestock will remain the same as it was under the previous grazing permit.

The base property that is being transferred along with the allotments is below:

T. 1 North, R. 21 East, Section 34 (E½ SW¼, W½ SE¼, SW¼ NE¼, SE¼ NW¼)

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Monument RMP. Date Approved/Amended: 1985.

_____ The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): *[Insert relevant objectives, goals, decisions from the LUP with page citations]*.

 X The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions): This action is specifically provided for in CFR 4110.2-3 Transfer of grazing preference as long as the transfer meets all of the requirements and qualifications. The paperwork that has been submitted shows that all of the requirements and qualifications are being met.

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, D #1, Appendix 4- pages 150 to 151. "Approval of transfers of grazing preference."

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.215 apply. Attached is the Categorical Exclusion Review Sheet, Consideration of Extraordinary Circumstances.

I considered the transfer of grazing preference from Barton Family Trust, in care of Jim Barton to Jim & Susan Barton. The BLM has issued the permit or lease in accordance with PL 113-76 and the action is an administrative action with no changes to the terms and conditions of the grazing permit. The season of use, class of livestock and AUMs will remain unchanged.

D. Signature

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